

SITUATION CRITICAL BUT LESS PRESSING

Trevino Directs That Tenth Regiment Prisoners Be Taken to Juarez and Released, Their Accoutrements Being Restored to Them—No Sign That This Development Will Change the Plans for National Guard.

Washington, June 28.—An immediate break between the United States and Mexico has been averted by compliance with the American demand for release of the 23 troopers captured in the fight at Carrizal.

Whether war has been prevented or merely postponed no one here would attempt to say tonight. Official information as to the attitude of Gen. Carranza was lacking. Until his response to Secretary Lansing's note dispatched Sunday, making two peremptory and distinct demands is received there will be no decision on whether President Wilson shall lay the crisis before congress.

News of the release of the prisoners received early tonight in press dispatches brought undisguised relief to high officials. It was accepted as correct although no announcement has come through official sources.

Crisis Less Imminent.

While it generally is conceded that this move lessens tension and makes the crisis less imminent, no one conversant with the grave problem is losing sight of the fact that the all-important question of Carranza's attitude towards the American expedition across the border to protect the territory and citizens of the United States from bandit outrages remains unsettled. If the de facto government stands on the orders to Trevino to attack Pershing's men when they move otherwise than towards the border the situation actually is just what it was before, except that there now is a possibility of diplomatic negotiation that did not exist while the Americans were held prisoners at Chihuahua.

The preparations of the United States for war will go steadily forward. There will be no interruption of the rush of National Guardsmen to the border, and Gen. Funston will continue disposing of his forces as though he expected an immediate attack.

Indication of Change.

The fact that Carranza has complied with one of the demands is accepted by the more optimistic officials here as an indication that he is striving to prevent a break. Even though he again should attempt to throw all blame for the Carrizal fight upon the American officers and insist upon his right forcibly to oppose any except northward movements of American troops, it is thought possible that he will state his position in such a way as to make further discussion necessary.

During any negotiation, however, the United States will insist upon freedom of movement of the troops in Mexico, and any attempt to interfere with them will be met by such force as is necessary. This will apply, too, to any period of delay occasioned by attempts to arrange mediation or arbitration.

The possibility of Latin-American offers of mediation in the crisis again was widely discussed. Ignacio Calderon, minister from Bolivia, will call upon Secretary Lansing tomorrow to endeavor to ascertain whether a tender of good offices would be entertained at this time.

Working on Carranza.

It is known that powerful influences have been brought to bear on Carranza in the past few days to make him at least turn over the American prisoners. Prominent Mexicans in the United States as well as American bankers and business interests with influence in Mexican affairs warned the first chief that to hold the prisoners would mean war.

Secretary Baker waited at the war department until late tonight for a report from Gen. Funston on Gen. Trevino's announcement that he had sent the cavalrymen to Juarez to be set free. He finally went home without the report.

President Wilson now expects to fill an engagement which he almost had decided to cancel, to address the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World convention at Philadelphia tomorrow afternoon. He probably will leave for Philadelphia at noon.

The last word from Special Agent Rodgers at Mexico City, a message dated yesterday and received early today, said he expected to be handed the note today. He gave no intimation of what might be its contents.

MARRIED.

Miss Eva Speltz and Mr. Herbert Sumner of Buffalo were married June 27 by Rev. D. C. Wylie.

JOHNSON RIFLES GIVEN RECEPTION

Hundreds of people gathered in front of the court house Thursday afternoon to attend the farewell meeting held for the Johnson Rifles and the meeting eclipsed anything of the kind seen in Union in these latter days.

Previous to the meeting a reception was held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, at which abundance of delicious refreshments were served by the youth and beauty of the city. The soldier boys, judging from the hearty manner in which they partook of the repast, appreciated it fully.

Long before 7:30 o'clock the streets around the court house were lined with people and at the appointed hour the men, led by Capt. J. Frost Walker, marched around the monument and stood in line in front of the speakers' stand.

Secretary A. G. Kennedy, of the Chamber of Commerce, was the presiding officer and said the large crowd manifested the high esteem and regard in which the men of the local militia were held by the people of this city. After a prayer by Rev. Lewis M. Rice, the Hon. L. L. Wagon was introduced and said in part that this was a sad and joyous occasion. Joyous because the people of the city were happy over the fact that so many men could be found who were ready and willing to defend the honor of the United States and sad because there were possibilities before them which might result seriously. He called upon the men to do their duty and to uphold that love, pride and patriotism so well upheld by their forefathers. He said he felt that all the men had responded because of patriotism and love of duty. In closing Mr. Wagon said in telling the men good bye for himself and the people of the city of Union he did so knowing that the love, affection, prayers of all the people went with them and that all realized that they would not fail to answer to the commands when given on the battlefield.

Col. T. C. Duncan was next speaker and said the men of Company E were going to find that they had work before them and the crowd present attested the favor under which the soldiers left and said they would return no other way than victorious. He praised the men for having the steel in them to respond to the call that they had come to every true citizen within the past few days.

The last speaker was Capt. J. Frost Walker, who, in behalf of Company E, said the great interest the people had displayed was appreciated and most inspiring. He referred to his men in loving terms as being those who counted upon in emergencies and said they were anxious to see activity. He said that the people of Union would be interested in the men while they were away and that they were going to pray for them. His speech touched the hearts of the assembled throng.

The meeting was enthusiastic throughout and although there were sad hearts in the large crowd all realizing the seriousness of the occasion. The Fairforest chapter, D. A. R., gave to each member of the company a pocket testament with his name inscribed thereon.

Such a demonstration as that given Thursday afternoon and evening surpassed anything of the kind since '61. There is not a doubt that if the president of the United States wants another company of equal number from Union all he has to do is to sound the bugle call, and they will march out to fight for the same old flag that their forefathers defended.

About 3,000 people assembled at the Southern depot Friday morning to bid the boys Godspeed.

RECEPTION AT LOCKHART.

Lockhart, June 26.—Among the entertainments of the past week the reception given on the lawn of the Presbyterian church by the Philathea class of the Presbyterian church to the Baraca class. The young ladies entertained the young men with games, progressive conversation, and last of all, a delicious spread.

Among those present were: Misses Ceco Baldwin, Onance Graham, Gertrude Balenger, Hattie Belle Crooks, Elsie Collins, Josephine Thornton, Annis Hope, Janette Moore, Mildred Hope, Lizzie Hope, Ellen Hope and Mrs. Addie Garvin of the Philathea class and others were: Messrs. C. C. Thornton, Robert Thornton, Hal Baldwin, Long, C. H. Tinsley, W. P. Baldwin, Willie Goforth, Alston Hicks, W. D. Dent, H. C. Lewis, T. C. Brown and Jud Collins.

Mrs. W. Lester Davis and daughter, Louise, have returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Liberty, Easley and Greenville.

MAJOR J. W. McLURE ANSWERS CALL

End Came About 4 O'clock Wednesday Morning—Was Gallant Confederate Veteran and a Worthy Citizen.

Major J. W. McLure died here at the home of his son, W. S. McLure, Wednesday morning about 4 o'clock. He was cheerful and seemed to be in his usual health the evening before, having sat up until 11 o'clock, reading and discussing the war situation with his family. He awoke at 2 o'clock, but again went to sleep. At 4 o'clock he passed away peacefully as a child falling asleep. He was 85 years of age, and his mind was alert and keen up to the very end.

Major McLure began military service as 2nd lieutenant in 5th S. C. V. April 12, 1861 under Capt. Carpenter; later under General Micah Jenkins, Palmetto Sharp Shooters.

In the spring of 1862 he was detailed to act as assistant quartermaster for the regiment. Later, upon the organization of the Palmetto Sharp Shooters, he was appointed captain and assistant quartermaster of the regiment.

In 1863 he was assigned to duty at division headquarters, as assistant quartermaster Fields Division, Longstreet's Corps, C. S. A., and here he was raised to the rank of major. His company was the first to leave Union county, and was commanded by Capt. Carpenter. This company was organized in the Pacolet section of Union county, now Cherokee county. He was in continuous service during the entire war. He was in the sieges of Charleston, and in the battles of Virginia and Longstreet's division in Tennessee.

After hearing of the surrender of Johnston's army in North Carolina he came home without surrendering, being on detail duty at the time, and not with the main army.

NEWS FROM CAMP MOORE.

Interesting Letter From One of the Boys of Co. E, J. Dan Mangum. Tells of the Experiences En Route and in Camp.

Styx, S. C., June 27, 1916.

Dear Mr. Rice: I am writing in an effort to give you some conception of the camp life we boys are living at present.

First, though, I want to thank the people of Union for their encouragement they gave us in the way of entertainments for it showed that they appreciated our effort to do our duty. On the way down we didn't have time to get gloomy thinking of the folks we left behind for at every station there were people who greeted us with smiles, waved farewell and wished us Godspeed.

When we reached Styx we formed in heavy marching order and it sure was heavy order. It is about a mile from the station to Camp Moore and the sand is ankle deep. It being hot and dry the dust was stifling but since it has rained so much we have learned to appreciate the fact that the sand has kept us from being in a class with the candidates in mud-slinging.

The first afternoon here we were visited by an electrical storm and only two men in our company escaped being shocked. None were seriously hurt.

We went on a hike yesterday of about four miles and there has been a noticeable quietude in the rookies who were clamoring for drilling before we took the tramp.

The government has been careful of the health of the men stationed here and yesterday we received our first installment of the typhoid prevention injection and we boys are earnestly hoping that, like a serial moving picture, it will grow better with each installment, for we have two more to take.

We boys shouldn't be kicking, though, for in nearly every company in both regiments there has been one or more who had to go to the hospital on account of it except ours.

Our captain has been very good to us in many respects and especially so in regard to leave of absence. I have visited Columbia twice and both times saw people from dear old Union.

Governor Manning was in camp yesterday and gave us a short but to the point speech on how he felt toward the boys. Needless to say he is with us, heart and soul.

All we boys will surely appreciate hearing from our friends and expect to see them soon, for if we go to the border we will pass through Union on our way down.

Very sincerely,

J. Dan Mangum.

[The Times will publish letters each week from Dan Mangum and Aubrey Noland, both of whom have agreed to keep us informed of the news in camp.—Editor.]

CLARK-EDWARDS.

Miss Roxie Clark and Mr. J. E. Edwards were united in marriage at Jonesville, S. C., Sunday, June 25. The ceremony was performed by R. V. Mabry, notary public.

Major McLure was born in Chester, S. C., March 14, 1831, and came to Union in 1848. Here he engaged in business with his uncle, John McLure, and later, opening a large mercantile business with Wm. J. Keenan. This firm of Keenan and McLure built the first brick store room north of Columbia. It was upon the site of the present building occupied by Wilburn Bros. and the McCure 5c and 10c Company. It is said the brick walls in this building are the identical walls in that building.

Besides merchandising, Major McLure engaged in farming at Oak Hill, in the Pacolet section, the place now being owned by the Jeffries family.

Major McLure was warden of the Church of the Nativity and for forty years was lay reader. At the time of his death he was senior warden.

He is survived by four sons and three daughters. His sons are: W. S. McLure, Union; A. P. McLure, Lancaster, S. C.; P. W. McLure, Greenwood and J. F. McLure, Union. His daughters are: Mrs. W. H. Rosborough, Chester, S. C.; Mrs. C. H. Alexander, Charleston, S. C., and Miss Fannie McLure of Union.

The burial will be in the cemetery of the Church of the Nativity, and the exercises will be held at 6 p. m. Thursday, conducted by the rector, Rev. J. Harry Chesley.

Major McLure's wife passed away three and one-half years ago.

He was a devoted husband, a kind father, a faithful soldier, a worthy citizen and a sincere Christian. His death is a loss to his community and to his State.

LILLIPUTIAN WEDDING.

The Lilliputian Wedding given in the auditorium of Clifford Seminary was quite a success, both in point of interest and in the admirable way in which their parts.

The bride and groom were attended by an unusually large party, including maids, dames, ribbon bearers, flower girls, ring bearer, ushers and groomsmen. As the bridal party advanced to the altar the attendants sang the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin. They formed in a semi-circle around the bride and groom and made a picture not soon to be forgotten by the Union folk.

The wedding drew a large number of distinguished guests to the city, prominent among them being President and Mrs. Wilson, Gov. and Mrs. R. I. Manning, Mrs. J. L. McWhirter, president of the State U. D. C., Mrs. F. M. Farr, president of the local chapter, U. D. C., Mrs. L. J. Hames, regent of Fairforest chapter, D. A. R., and hosts of others. As the guests arrived the directress, Mrs. J. W. Mixson, announced the name of the person they were impersonating and each one was liberally cheered, but when a young man in the soldier's uniform came, she announced Capt. J. Frost Walker, Jr., of the Johnson Rifles, there was a spontaneous burst of applause that shook the walls. It was several minutes before the young man regained his composure and was so embarrassed that he forgot to salute.

The directress, Mrs. J. W. Mixson, and her admirable co-workers, deserve great credit for the splendid entertainment.

It was repeated Wednesday evening, the proceeds going towards helping provide an entertainment hall for the soldier boys now in camp.

DEATH OF LITTLE BOY.

Following an illness of 10 days, William Weimar, the 22-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Siler, died this morning at Meriwether hospital. The burial was in the family plot at 5 o'clock that afternoon.—Asheville Citizen, June 23, 1916.

This little boy was the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jeter of Carlisle.

PORCH PARTY GIVEN

BY MISS MITCHELL

Miss Erlene Mitchell gave a porch party Friday evening in compliment to the Young Ladies' Missionary Society of Grace Methodist church. The broad piazza was elaborately decorated with ferns, palms and myriads of electric candles. The contests were spirited and enjoyed to the fullest. At a late hour delicious ices and cake was served.

SERMON TO MASONS.

There was to have been a sermon to the Mt. Joy Masonic lodge Sunday afternoon, but the exercises were postponed to 11 o'clock Sunday, July 2. The exercises will be in the Mt. Joy Baptist church, and the public is cordially invited. Rev. J. D. Croft will preach the sermon.

CARRANZA CHIEF TO SET AMERICAN CAPTIVES FREE

AN APPROACHING MARRIAGE.

The following invitations have been issued and received with cordial interest:

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse F. Bobo request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their niece Miss Ida Rowena Palmer to

Mr. Guy Hollis Wilburn on the evening of Wednesday, the twelfth of July at half after eight o'clock First Baptist Church Union, South Carolina.

Miss Palmer, by the charm of her sweet, gentle manner and lovable traits of character, has endeared herself to a close circle of friends in Union, her life-long home.

Mr. Wilburn is a member of the firm of Wilburn Bros., and is prominently identified with the business and social life of Union.

Among the lovely affairs given for Miss Ida Palmer, whose marriage to Mr. Guy Hollis Wilburn on July 12th, has created such cordial interest, was the miscellaneous shower given Friday afternoon by Mrs. R. E. White and Miss Ida Clement. The broad verandahs were made attractive with vases and stands of flowers and when the guests had assembled the maid brought in a huge basket heaped with dainty packages and tied with pink and white ribbons, the bride's chosen colors. Each package contained a lovely personal gift for the bride from her loving friends.

The hostesses served ices, cake and bonbons, assisted by Mrs. Paul Wilburn and Mr. L. C. Wharton.

Mrs. J. Mobley Jeter, Jr., and Mrs. D. Fant Gilliam entertained Tuesday afternoon complimenting Miss Ida Palmer. Mrs. Jeter's handsome home was decorated with masses of pink and white roses, making bright every available spot in reception hall, drawing room and dining room, while ferns and potted plants gave an effective background.

Master Farr Gilliam and Miss Louise Jeter, dressed as bride and groom, came in with a suit case, which when opened, was found to hold quantities of exquisite lace and linen for the popular bride-elect.

In the dining room the decorations were also in pink and white. The table was covered with Battenburg lace and had for its centre a vase of pink roses and asparagus ferns. The ices, mints and cake carried the color scheme of pink and white.

The guest list included the bridal party and numbers of friends. Assisting the hostesses were Misses Mary Frances and Zena Gilliam, Cornelia Palmer, Minnie Maude and Marina Wilson.

BOY SCOUTS OFFER SERVICES.

The Boy Scouts of Union sent the following telegram to Governor Manning:

"Hon. Richard I. Manning, Governor of South Carolina,

"The Boy Scouts of Union offer our services to you and hold ourselves in readiness to serve in any capacity that our State or nation may need.

Sarratt T. Hames,

Troop Leader.

The Boy Scouts were organized several weeks ago through the efforts of Mrs. J. W. Mixson and Mrs. Macbeth Young and from the very beginning took a strong hold on the boys. Mr. A. G. Kennedy is Scout Master and says if the governor calls for his boys they will respond readily and willingly. The members of the organization are:

Sarratt T. Hames, Troop Leader; Labori Krasnoff, Assistant Troop Leader; Harry Arthur, Macbeth Wagon, James Arthur, Comer Brennick, Harold Lawson, Francis Mathis, George Sawyer, Everett Jeffries, Francis Reeves, Sidney Rice, Jimmie Woods, Theodore Wilcox, Claude Sartor, Jesse Humphries, John Long, Charles Murphy, Aubrey Rice and Wallace Wharton. There are 22 in all in the Union organization.

The boys say they mean business and that they hope the citizens of the town will render them financial aid. There are certain things to be had in organization that will require some cash. It is to be hoped that the community will respond to their needs.

Bishop Guerry will preach at the Church of the Nativity Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock. He was to have been here last Sunday night, but owing to the condition of the roads, was unable to get over from Glenn Springs. The public is cordially invited to the service Friday evening.

Domestic science is supposed to make a dish of corned beef and cabbage look like a bouquet of cut flowers.

Release of American Prisoners

Postpones Denouement—Main Question Not Decided—Until Carranza Replies, Wilson Will Not Determine Whether or Not to Go Before Congress—War Preparations Continue.

El Paso, June 28.—President Wilson's peremptory demand on Gen. Carranza for the release of the American prisoners held in the Chihuahua penitentiary today met with compliance. An announcement from the commandancia in Juarez early tonight said a message had been received over the Mexican telegraph that the 23 negroes of the Tenth cavalry captured at Carrizal, with Lem H. Spillsbury, Mormon scout, had been removed from prison and with their arms and accoutrements were being brought to Juarez. They are expected to arrive tomorrow morning on a Mexican Central train.

The telegram conveying this news was addressed to Gen. George Bell, Jr., commander of the El Paso base. It was signed by Gen. Jacinto Trevino, commander of the Mexican military district of the Northeast, whose headquarters are at Chihuahua City.

Gen. Bell, in keeping with his custom of maintaining close secrecy regarding all military developments, refused to say whether he had received the message. He said all announcements must come from Gen. Funston at San Antonio.

On receipt of word that Gen. Funston had given out the contents of the message, he said no escort would be sent to meet the prisoners in the morning but an officer would be delegated to take command of them and lead them to Fort Bliss.

Mexican officials tonight are happy over the turn in events. They said this would mean a lessening of the tension of the last few days. Gen. Francisco Gonzalez, Juarez commander, and Andreas Gracia, Mexican consul at El Paso, each said he regarded the incident as reassuring.

"This shows that we don't want war until it is forced upon us," Mr. Garcia said.

REV. J. HARRY CHESLEY GOES TO MARYLAND.

Rev. J. Harry Chesley, rector of the Church of the Nativity, has been appointed dean of the Cathedral of the Diocese of Easton, Maryland, and will probably leave for his new field about August 1. The church there has some two or three hundred adherents.

Rev. Mr. Chesley has been rector of the Church of the Nativity since March 1, 1913, and has won for himself a warm place in the hearts of the Union people. One of the strong influences leading Rev. Mr. Chesley to return to Maryland is the fact that he will be closer to his aged father, Rev. John W. Chesley, now 91 years of age, and who has been in the ministry 64 years.

Not only on his own but on Mrs. Chesley's account the people of Union regret that he has decided to leave Union. Mrs. Chesley has been doing a noble service in welfare work here. She has served faithfully and with a marked degree of unselfishness in this wide field. Many of those to whom she has been ministering, as well as the people of the community, will greatly miss her when she leaves.

The good wishes of the Union people will follow both these faithful servants of Christ to their new field of activity.

A LETTER FROM STYX.

First News Received From Our Union Soldiers—Promises to Write Again Soon.

Styx, S. C.,

Camp Blackjack, June 23, 1916.

Dear Mr. Rice: We arrived at Styx today about 1 o'clock and we were caught in a bad electrical storm; the rain came down in sheets and several were severely but not seriously shocked.

Styx is certainly well named for it is in the heart of the country. I guess you saw in The Record that all the troops are going to move to the border as soon as the boys get trained up.

I will write you again soon.

Sincerely,

Aubrey Noland.

[Aubrey Noland and J. Dan Mangum have promised to keep us posted as to the happenings each week. We will publish their weekly letters.—Editor.]

Work is to begin in July on the new postoffice for Columbia. Congress appropriated \$250,000 for the building, and \$1,000 of it will be available then.